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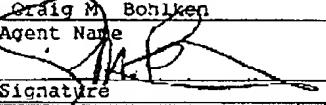
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2004, and concurrently petitions for a three-month extension of time up to and including September 8, 2004 for response. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 23-1703 in the amount of Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$950.00) to cover the extension fee as required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(a)(3) and

1.136(a).

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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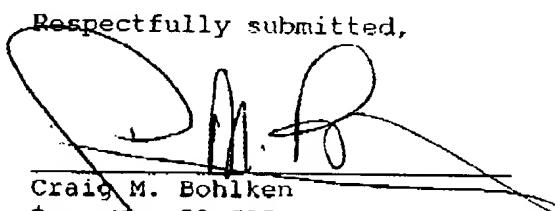
CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 10-16 remain pending. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10-16 are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fee which may be due in connection with this communication to Deposit Account 23-1703.

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